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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE

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| $\boxtimes$ | Priority Claimed.   |
|             | Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-283415                        |
| $\boxtimes$ | 10 sheets of formal drawing.  |
| $\boxtimes$ | An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.              |
|             | and the assignment recordation fee.   |
| $\boxtimes$ | An associate power of attorney.   |
|             | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. |
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## CLAIM OF PRIORITY AND TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-283415, filed on July 31, 2003.

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